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shall be addressed to the South Texas Onion Committee, at its principal office.

§ 959.103 Registered handler.

For purposes of this part any person who operates an established packing house within the production area with commonly accepted adequate facilities for grading and packing onions for market, and who customarily buys onions from producers for grading, packing, and marketing shall be recorded by the committee as a registered handler. Any other person who wishes to be listed as a registered handler may make application for registration on forms furnished by the committee. If such applicant has facilities available to him that are determined by the committee to be adequate for grading and packing onions for market, and he assumes responsibility for inspection of onions handled by him, and for assessments thereon, he may be approved and recorded as a registered handler. If the committee determines from the available information that the applicant is not entitled to be registered with the committee, he shall be so informed by written notice stating the reason for denial of his application. Any registration of a handler pursuant to this section may be canceled by the committee under circumstances which would have justified denial of his application. Any handler whose registration has been canceled shall be so informed by written notice thereof stating the reason therefor. The committee shall also notify producers of each such cancellation of handler registration through committee bulletins or published notice in local newspapers of general distribution, or both.

§ 959.104 Fiscal period.

The fiscal period shall begin August 1 of each year and end July 31 of the following year, both dates inclusive.

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§ 959.110 Reestablishment of districts.

Pursuant to §959.25, the following districts are reestablished:

(a) *District 1* (Coastal Bend-Lower Valley): The counties of Victoria, Calhoun, Goliad, Refugio, Bee, Live Oak,

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San Patricio, Aransas, Jim Wells, Nueces, Kleberg, Brooks, Kenedy, Duval, McMullen, Cameron, Hidalgo, Starr, and Willacy.

(b) *District 2* (Laredo-Winter Garden): The counties of Zapata, Webb, Jim Hogg, De Witt, Wilson, Atascosa, Karnes, Val Verde, Frio, Kinney, Uvalde, Medina, Maverick, Zavala, Dimmit, and LaSalle.

[55 FR 25961, June 26, 1990]

§ 959.111 Reapportionment of committee membership.

Pursuant to §959.25, committee membership is reapportioned among districts as follows:

(a) *District 1* (Coastal Bend-Lower Valley): Six producer members and four handler members.

(b) *District 2* (Laredo-Winter Garden): Four producer members and three handler members.

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§ 959.115 Planting reports.

Each handler shall furnish every two weeks during the planting season to the committee, on a form provided by the committee, the number of acres of onions planted by the handler or growers for whom the handler packs onions during such period and the location of such plantings.

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SAFEGUARDS

§ 959.120 Policy.

Whenever shipments of onions for special purposes pursuant to §959.53 are relieved in whole or in part from regulations issued under §959.52, the committee may require information and evidence on the manner, methods, and timing of such shipments as safeguards against the entry of any such onions in trade channels other than those for which intended. Such information and evidence shall include requirements set forth below with respect to Certificates of Privilege.